

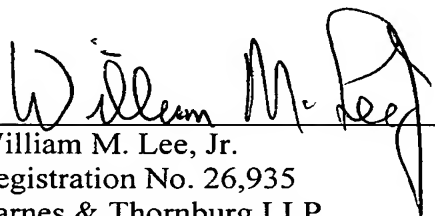
### Remarks

The above amendments are being made in order to eliminate multiple dependency and improper multiple dependency before calculation of the national filing fee for the United States. Should any multiple dependency remain, that is unintended, and the Patent and Trademark Office has requested to cancel any remaining multiple dependent claims without prejudice before calculation of the national filing fee.

Examination of the application on its merits is awaited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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